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SUBJECT: MTN INPUT FOR AMB. YEUTTER'S LATIN AMERICAN TRIP:

GATT REFORM (MTN "FRAMEWORK GROUP")

PROBLEM

1. WHAT POSITION SHOULD THE U.S. TRADE TEAM EXPRESS ON THE QUESTION OF ESTABLISHING AN MTN NEGOTIATING GROUP ON GATT REFORM?

2. THIS WILL BE A MAJOR ITEM OF INTEREST DURING TH VISIT TO BRAZIL AND WILL PROBABLY ALSO ARISE, ALTHOUGH PERHAPS MORE PERIPHERALLY, IN THE VISITS TO OTHER LATIN AMERICAN CAPITALS.

TALKING POINTS

1. U.S. SUPPORT FOR THE REFORM GROUP WILL DEPEND ON THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IDENTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATE TOPICS IN THE LIGHT OF THE

FOLLOWING:

(A) THERE MUST BE NO DUPLICATION OF WORK DONE
BY, OR REOPENING OF AGREEMENTS NEGOTIATED IN,
OTHER MTN GROUPS;

(B) THE ISSUES MUST BE NEGOTIATED WITHIN THE MTN
TIME FRAME (I.E., BY THE END OF 1977); AND

(C) THE ISSUES MUST NOT DEAL SOLELY WITH THE ROLE
OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE TRADING
SYSTEM.

2. INQUIRE ABOUT THE RECEPTIVITY OF THE LA GOVERNMENTS
BEING VISITED TO THE INCLUSION OF SUPPLY ACCESS IN THE
MANDATE OF THE PROPOSED FRAMEWORK GROUP.

3. ASSURE COUNTRIES BEING VISITED THAT U.S. IS SINCERE
IN ITS APPROACH TO WORK ON GATT REFORM AND THAT THE
U.S. HAS NO INTENTION OF "DUMPING" INTO THE FRAMEWORK
GROUP ALL ISSUES MENTIONED IN SECTION 121 OF THE TRADE
ACT.

4. IN BRASILIA, DRAW ON ENCLOSURE C FOR A MORE DETAILED
COMENTARY ON THE SPECIFIC BRAZILIAN PROPOSALS RELATING
TO REVISION OF GATT ARTICLE I, SAFEGUARDS, DISPUTE
SETTLEMENT, AND RECIPROCITY.

BACKGROUND

1. LED BY BRAZIL, PRESSURE BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IS
INCREASING FOR EARLY ESTABLISHMENT OF A "FRAMEWORK
GROUP" TO CARRY OUT THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE
TOKYO DECLARATION RELATING TO GATT REFORM. AN EARLIER
U.S. ATTEMPT TO SHIFT THIS TOPIC TO THE GATT CONSULTA-
TIVE GROUP OF 18 FAILED. INITIAL POSITIONS OF MOST
MAJOR DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE U.S., EVIDENCED
CONSIDERABLE APPREHENSION ABOUT THE SCOPE AND INTENT
OF THE BRAZILIAN INITIATIVE BUT, MORE RECENTLY, SOME OF
THESE APPREHENSIONS HAVE BEEN ALLEVIATED AND RESISTANCE
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BY KEY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES HAS DECLINED. THE FOCUS,
INSTEAD, HAS SHIFTED TO THE PRECISE MANDATE OF THE GROUP
INCLUDING THE QUESTION OF WHAT FRAMEWORK IMPROVEMENT
TOPICS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO INDUSTRIALIZED
COUNTRIES THEMSELVES CAN BE AGREED FOR INCLUSION IN
THE MANDATE.

2. THE FOLLOWING KEY DOCUMENTS ARE ATTACHED:

(A) TERMS OF REFERENCE AS PROPOSED BY BRAZIL,
JULY 20, 1976 (STR: PLEASE ATTACH COPY OF
PARA 2 OF MTN GENEVA 5814);

(B) ADDENDUM TO BRAZILIAN MEMO CIRCULATED IN G-18
ON JUNE 15 (STR: PLEASE ATTACH COPY OF U.S.
MISSION GENEVA TELEGRAM 4631);

(C) U.S. POSITION FOR 7 PLUS 7 MEETING, JULY 27
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